

Proceedings of the Annual Meeting

OCTOBER 13, 1948

AT THE LIBRARY OF THE SOCIETY, WORCESTER

THE one hundred and thirty-sixth annual meeting of the American Antiquarian Society was held at the Library of the Society, Worcester, Massachusetts, October 13, 1948, at 10.45 a.m. The meeting was called to order by President Samuel Eliot Morison.

The following members of the Society were present: John McKinstry Merriam, George Parker Winship, Victor Hugo Paltsits, Clarence Saunders Brigham, Samuel Eliot Morison, Lawrence Waters Jenkins, Robert Kendall Shaw, Chandler Bullock, Charles Eliot Goodspeed, George Ichabod Rockwood, Wallace Walter Atwood, Daniel Waldo Lincoln, George Sumner Barton, George Francis Booth, Paul Beagary Morgan, Russell Sturgis Paine, James Melville Hunnewell, George Crompton, Stephen Willard Phillips, Stewart Mitchell, Glenn Tilley Morse, Thomas Winthrop Streeter, William Irving Clark, John Woodman Higgins, George Gregerson Wolkins, Howard Corning, Francis Henshaw Dewey, Jr., Augustus Peabody Loring, Jr., Clifford Kenyon Shipton, Theron Johnson Damon, Albert White Rice, Frederick Lewis Weis, Wat Tyler Cluverius, Everett Dwight Graff, Chauncey Cushing Nash, William Greene Roelker, Walter Muir Whitehill, Carl Custer Cutler, Frederick Haven Pratt, Samuel Foster Damon, Bradley Baldwin Gilman, Ernest Caulfield, George Russell Stobbs, Arthur Adams, Richard LeBaron Bowen, LeRoy Archer Campbell, Joseph Carson, and Bertram Kimball Little.

The Secretary read the call for the meeting. It was voted to dispense with the reading of the records of the last meeting.

The report of the Council of the Society was presented by the Director who also summarized the Treasurer's Report in the absence of Mr. Bullock, and the Librarian's Report was read by Mr. Shipton. It was voted to accept these reports and refer them to the Committee on Publications.

The election of officers being in order, Mr. Stobbs reported for the committee consisting of Messrs. Stobbs, Pratt, and Gilman, appointed by the Council in April, 1948, the following nominations:

President

Samuel Eliot Morison, of Boston, Mass.

Vice-presidents

Paul Beagary Morgan, of Worcester, Mass.

George Sumner Barton, of Worcester, Mass.

Councillors

George Parker Winship, of Charles River, Mass.

George Hubbard Blakeslee, of Worcester, Mass.

James Melville Hunnewell, of Boston, Mass.

Russell Sturgis Paine, of Worcester, Mass.

Albert White Rice, of Worcester, Mass.

Donald McKay Frost, of Boston, Mass.

Augustus Peabody Loring, Jr., of Boston, Mass.

Thomas Winthrop Streeter, of Morristown, N. J.

Stephen Willard Phillips, of Salem, Mass.

Richard Allen Heald, of Worcester, Mass.

Secretary for Foreign and Domestic Correspondence

Clarence Saunders Brigham, of Worcester, Mass.

Recording Secretary

Daniel Waldo Lincoln, of Worcester, Mass.

Treasurer

Chandler Bullock, of Worcester, Mass.

Committee on Publications

Clifford Kenyon Shipton, of Shirley, Mass.

Robert Kendall Shaw, of Worcester, Mass.

Frederick Lewis Weis, of Lancaster, Mass.

Auditors

Daniel Waldo Lincoln, of Worcester, Mass.

Reginald Washburn, of Worcester, Mass.

It was unanimously voted that the Secretary be requested to cast a ballot for the nominees, which being done and no other ballot being offered, the foregoing nominees were declared elected.

The President, in behalf of the Council, proposed for membership in the Society:

Milton Prince Higgins, Worcester, Mass.

Stewart Hall Holbrook, Portland, Oregon

Edward Chase Kirkland, Brunswick, Me.

Theodore Sizer, Bethany, Conn.

Joel Cheney Wells, Southbridge, Mass.

John Cook Wyllie, Charlottesville, Va.

Mr. Morison appointed a committee consisting of Messrs. Roelker, Theron J. Damon, and Jenkins to distribute, collect, and count the ballots. Mr. Roelker reported that the necessary number of votes had been cast for the persons nominated and they were declared elected.

Mr. Loring, in speaking of Mr. Brigham's forty years in the service of the Society, presented the following tribute and it was voted that it should be adopted and spread upon the records:

VOTED: That this Society express its appreciation for the long and distinguished service of our Director, Clarence S. Brigham. Under his guidance the Society has established itself as an outstanding institution among scholars. He has added to the luster of the Society by such monumental works as the *History and Bibliography of American Newspapers*.

In his fifty years of service to scholarship, forty of which have been with our Society, he has shown capabilities far above the average. But beyond his scholarship, he is an able administrator, a genial host, a staunch friend, dependable and lovable; what more can one say?

It is with deep affection that we look forward to many more years of his wise guidance of the destinies of the American Antiquarian Society.

Mr. Barton announced that the reception for Worcester County residents would be held at the Library building on Friday and Saturday afternoons, November fifth and sixth.

A paper was read by Walter M. Whitehill on "Letters of the Reverend Thomas Walley of Barnstable to the Reverend John Cotton of Plymouth." A paper by Carl C. Cutler on "Yankee Sailing Ship Records" was read by President Morison, since Mr. Cutler, although present, stated that a severe cold impaired his speaking ability. This paper is being revised for printing in a later number of the *Proceedings*. A paper by Henry Raup Wagner on "Francisco López de Gómara and his Works" was read by title.

Mr. Shipton announced that he had arranged in the upper gallery an exhibition of some of the important accessions of the year and also a selection of rare titles from the Frost collection.

The President announced that the annual luncheon for members of the Society would be given at the residence of the late Aldus C. Higgins, John Wing Road.

The meeting then adjourned.

DANIEL W. LINCOLN,
Recording Secretary

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